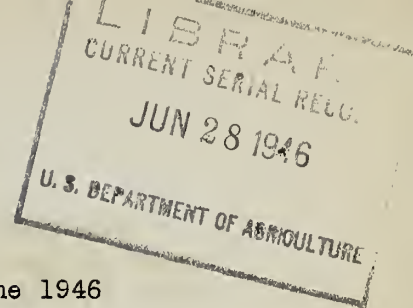


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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of July 1946

Refrigerator car loadings of fresh fruits and vegetables continue at high record levels. Through the first two weeks in June all orders were protected on a current basis, however, the Car Service Division of the Association of American Railroads now reports that the supply is tightening up in the Southeast, Southwest, and California due to both heavy loading and to the retarded movement of empties. Refrigerator car supply will be extremely tight in all producing areas throughout the months of July and August.

The heavy movement of late bloom citrus fruit from Florida and of old potatoes from various districts has been practically completed. The movement of cantaloupes from the Imperial Valley and potatoes from Kern County, California, reached peak levels on June 15. Loadings other than potatoes and cantaloupes in California will be very heavy during the coming month. The movement of early potatoes from Eastern Seaboard States will continue heavy. The movement of peaches from Georgia and the Carolinas has started and the prospects indicate heavy loadings.

Estimates prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA, covering nearly one-half of the total Summer acreage show an increase of 21 percent over 1945 and 25 percent over the ten-year average.

Our estimates indicate that there will be approximately 84,279 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables to be shipped during the month of July 1946, compared with the revised estimate of 89,256 cars in June 1946, and an increase of 6.2 percent over the 79,383 cars shipped during July 1945.

The total estimated carloads to move by regions are shown in the following table:

<u>Region (or State)</u>	<u>Carloads</u>
North Pacific	6,087
South Pacific	41,533
Southwest (except Texas)	4,746
Texas	1,276
Rocky Mountain	2,173
North Central	575
Southern (except Florida)	19,984
Florida	855
Great Lakes	567
Middle Atlantic	6,337
New England	146

Total 84,279

The total number of carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to move in July 1946, from the North Pacific Region will approximate 6,087. The States originating these shipments are:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads to originate in</u>		
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	25	-	-
Apricots	1,100	-	10
Cantaloupes	5	-	-
Carrots	-	-	65
Celery	2	60	-
Beets	-	10	-
Cherries	580	150	100
Corn, green	-	-	5
Lettuce and romaine	-	8	5
Mixed deciduous fruits	110	-	5
Mixed vegetables	10	1	5
Onions	370	5	2
Peaches	8	-	-
Peas, green	40	8	210
Plums and prunes	40	-	-
Potatoes	1,500	600	950
Strawberries	-	8	-
Tomatoes	5	85	-
Total	3,795	935	1,357

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the South Pacific Region during July 1946, will aggregate 41,533 cars. The movement from California has been estimated to be 36,152, from Arizona 5,356, and from Nevada 25 cars. These shipments are listed below by commodities:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads to originate in</u>		
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Nevada</u>
Apples	700	-	-
Apricots	140	-	-
Beans, snap & lima	3	-	-
Cantaloupes	4,200	3,690	25
Carrots	1,375	50	-
Casaba melons	8	20	-
Cauliflower	80	-	-
Celery	410	-	-
Beets	50	-	-
Broccoli	18	-	-
Cabbage	175	-	-
Corn, green	40	-	-
Cucumbers	15	2	-
Grapefruit	750	170	-
Grapes	610	60	-

Commodity (cont'd.)	Carloads to originate in		
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Nevada</u>
Honey ball melons	160	-	-
Honey dew melons	1,590	775	-
Lemons	2,800	-	-
Lettuce & romaine	4,570	-	-
Mixed citrus fruits	600	1	-
Mixed deciduous fruits	90	-	-
Mixed melons	200	-	-
Mixed vegetables	825	3	-
Onions	230	150	-
Oranges & Satsumas	6,500	-	-
Peaches	1,050	-	-
Pears	1,150	-	-
Peppers, green	20	-	--
Persian melons	3	5	-
Potatoes	5,100	420	-
Plums & prunes	1,600	-	-
Tomatoes	<u>1,090</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	36,152	5,356	25

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region during July 1946 (excluding Texas, which is discussed later), have been estimated to reach 4,746 carloads. About 37 percent of these shipments will originate in Arkansas and are as follows: 280 cars of cucumbers, 1230 cars of peaches, 105 cars of tomatoes, 40 cars of snap beans, 30 cars of cantaloupes, 25 cars of potatoes, 15 cars of green corn, and approximately 10 cars each of apples and mixed vegetables. Louisiana will originate 720 carloads of sweetpotatoes, 35 cars of mixed vegetables, 15 cars each of tomatoes, potatoes, and green peppers, 20 cars of onions, and 5 cars each of peaches, eggplant, and cucumbers. Shipments from Missouri will constitute 950 cars of potatoes, 60 cars of cabbage, 10 cars of berries, and 5 cars each of apples, tomatoes, and mixed vegetables. In addition to the above, the following shipments will originate in other States in the Southwestern Region:

Commodity	Carloads to originate in		
	<u>New Mexico</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>
Potatoes	40	600	10
Onions	150	-	110
Corn, green	-	-	125
Cantaloupes	40	-	10

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Florida during July 1946, will aggregate 855, while the movement from Texas will approximate 1,276 cars. These estimates follow:

Commodity	Carloads to originate in	
	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Texas</u>
Cantaloupes	-	40
Carrots	-	20
Beets	-	10
Corn, green	-	5
Eggplant	15	-
Grapefruit	120	-
Lemons	-	5
Mixed citrus fruits	75	-
Mixed vegetables	95	1
Onions	-	130
Oranges & Satsumas	500	-
Peaches	-	50
Peppers, green	15	35
Potatoes	5	410
Sweetpotatoes	30	-
Tomatoes	-	<u>570</u>
Total	855	1,276

Estimated shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during July 1946, will approximate 2,173 carloads. Approximately four-fifths of the movements will originate in Colorado and are as follows: 805 cars of mixed vegetables, 395 cars of potatoes, 250 cars of green peas, 80 cars of lettuce, 100 cars of spinach, 40 cars of cherries, 25 cars each of cabbage and apricots, and 10 cars each of carrots, cauliflower and mixed deciduous fruits. Utah will originate 235 cars of cherries and 150 cars of apricots. About 20 carloads of green peas will move from Montana.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Central Region during July 1946, are estimated to be 575 cars. These consist principally of potatoes and are as follows: Nebraska 300 cars, Iowa 20 cars, and Minnesota 10 cars. In addition, Iowa is expected to originate 150 cars of onions and 95 cars of cabbage.

During the month of July 1946, the estimated shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southern Region will total 19,984 carloads. Shipments from Florida are not included in these estimates. They have been discussed in a preceding paragraph. Total shipments for this Region are listed below by commodities and States of origin:

Commodity	Carloads to originate in			
	Virginia	North Carolina	South Carolina	Tennessee
Apples	90	-	-	-
Beans, snap & lima	10	45	-	35
Cantaloupes	-	90	55	-
Berries	-	10	-	15
Cabbage	40	50	-	-
Peaches	70	2,250	7,850	100
Corn, green	15	-	-	-
Cucumbers	10	85	2	10
Mixed vegetables	40	175	5	2
Turnips & rutabagas	30	-	-	-
Onions	25	-	-	-
Peppers, green	-	95	-	-
Sweetpotatoes	-	1	-	-
Tomatoes	45	-	15	1,310
Potatoes	2,100	500	2	128
Total	2,475	3,301	7,929	1,600

Commodity	Georgia	Mississippi	Kentucky	Alabama
Apples	-	-	-	2
Cantaloupes	3	-	-	-
Berries	2	-	-	-
Peaches	4,100	-	55	75
Pears	5	-	-	-
Corn, green	-	-	-	45
Cucumbers	-	18	-	-
Mixed vegetables	-	10	-	4
Peppers, green	-	50	-	-
Sweetpotatoes	-	-	-	140
Tomatoes	-	25	65	5
Potatoes	-	-	40	35
Total	4,110	103	160	308

The estimated carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Great Lakes Region in July 1946 will aggregate 567. Of this total, 200 cars of cabbage, 20 cars of onions, and 5 cars each of snap beans and potatoes will move from Michigan; 95 cars of mixed vegetables, 70 cars of apples, 35 cars of onions, 20 cars of cucumbers, 15 cars of cabbage, and 5 cars each of peaches and tomatoes from Illinois. Wisconsin will ship 45 cars of cabbage, and Indiana will originate 10 cars each of apples and peaches.

The total volume of fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic Region during July 1946 will approximate 6,337 carloads. The principal shipments will be as follows: 3,220 cars of potatoes, 45 cars of cabbage, 180 cars of lettuce, and 15 cars each of mixed vegetables, spinach, celery, and onions from New York State; 1,520 cars of potatoes, 35 cars of onions from New Jersey; 850 cars of potatoes, 130 cars of cucumbers, and 85 cars of potatoes from Maryland; and 70 cars of apples from West Virginia.

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region will approximate 146 carloads. These will consist of 90 cars of potatoes from Maine; and 55 cars of onions from Massachusetts.

The general commodities now being moved in volume (month of June) and the origin States are as follows:

Apricots	California
Cabbage	Tennessee
Cantaloupes	Arizona, California
Carrots	Arizona, California
Cauliflower	California
Celery	Florida, California
Green corn	Alabama, Texas
Cucumbers	South Carolina
Citrus fruit	Arizona, California, Florida, Texas
Lettuce	California, Idaho, Oregon
Mixed vegetables	Florida, California
Onions	Texas, California
Peaches	Georgia
Tomatoes	Mississippi, Texas
Plums & prunes	California
Potatoes	Alabama, Arizona, California, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia
Watermelons	Florida, California, Texas
Cherries	California

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